

## Fiscal Highlights

### Coming Soon: The Fiscal Health Dashboard - Clare Tobin Lence

The Office of the Legislative Fiscal Analyst is developing a Fiscal Health Dashboard. The dashboard will provide at-a-glance information about the status of Utah's revenues, expenditures, offsets, and obligations. Updated monthly, the dashboard will facilitate access to current year-to-date figures in a simplified format that can be accessed quickly and at any time.

The image below shows two of the subcategories included under obligations. (Please note, data are preliminary and not yet finalized). The number in gray represents the current total debt amount. The next number to the right represents the percent change from the debt amount last year to the current amount (October 2014 as compared to October 2013). The arrows and color of the number reflect whether the percent change was an increase or decrease. In the case of expenditures and obligations, increases are colored red and decreases are colored green; the colors are reversed for revenues and offsets. The gauge shows the current amount relative to targets or limits as described in statute or utilized in practice.

The basic dashboard view presents essential, top-level information. More information about each figure can be accessed by hovering over the various elements with a mouse (or by tapping, in the case of a mobile device). Historical comparisons for the previous ten fiscal years can be accessed by clicking on the "view history" button, which opens the bar chart shown in the figure below. The dashboard is designed as a simplified, but efficient, view of key information; analysts at Fiscal Analyst's Office can provide additional explanation and information by request.

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